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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be given again by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Campbell Gillon, of Georgetown Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, Thy word declares, "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46) Teach us that prayer is more a matter of attitude than audibility. Guide our praying as it seeks not to bend Thee to our will, but us to Thine. Grant us that alert, focusing stillness before the Divine which is the necessary precondition to sharing the psalmist's certainty that Thou art indeed our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

O Lord, help in trouble is what so many need. In this time of conflict, we pray for all risking life and limb as they bravely face the hazards of war in a liberating cause. We remember their loved ones and families as they strive to cope with their uncertainty and heartache mingled with supportiveness and pride as they fear the worst or face the worst. Give wisdom and guidance to those on whom the burdens of decision rest: the Commander-in-Chief, his advisors and military leadership. May the result of their actions be a liberation of the oppressed, a day of reckoning for evil and the beginning of a new chapter of peace in that region.

Lord God, these are challenging times. Bless and empower the men and women of this Senate as they daily face their heavy responsibilities for the secure good of this great Nation. May they draw strength from being still before the Eternal and knowing that Thou art God. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TED STEVENS led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, we will be voting on amendments to the budget resolution this morning. The chairman and ranking member of the Budget Committee have exchanged copies of the only amendments that remain in order.

We have a number of amendments to dispose of prior to a final vote on this resolution. With the cooperation of all Members, we will be able to move through the remaining amendments in an efficient and orderly manner. It would be helpful if Members would remain in the Chamber during voting. I warn Members in advance that, following the first vote, the remaining votes will be limited to 10 minutes. The practice of 10-minute votes is to allow a grace period of 5 minutes, that is a total of 15 minutes, after which these votes will be terminated. We will not extend a vote beyond that time, and thus Members should not stray far from the Chamber.

As a reminder, the order entered into last Friday is that the Senate will proceed to a final vote on the budget resolution no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Therefore, I advise my colleagues that we have a lot of work before us over the course of today and tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SUNUNU). The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have spoken to the majority leader and he has

graciously consented to the Senator from California speaking for up to 5 minutes as in morning business prior to our going to the budget resolution. I ask unanimous consent that that be the case.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from California.

TRIBUTE TO CALIFORNIA SERVICEMEN KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, as we pray for all those who are in harm's way, I rise to pay tribute to nine young Americans who were killed in the Iraqi war. All of them are from California or were based in California.

LT Thomas Mullen Adams, age 27; hometown: La Mesa, CA, was killed Saturday, March 22, in a helicopter accident after takeoff from a ship in the Persian Gulf. He graduated from Grossmont High School in La Mesa in 1993 and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1997. He was a decorated naval flight officer, earning two National Defense Service medals and three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons.

LT Thomas Mullen Adams' family lineage can be traced back to Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

CPT Ryan Beaupre, age 30, was attached to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force based in Camp Pendleton, CA. He lived in an apartment in Encinitas, CA, overlooking the Pacific Ocean where he often surfed. He was born in Saint Anne, IL. He was killed on Thursday, March 20, in a helicopter accident in Northern Kuwait, near the Iraqi border.

Mr. President, 2LT Therrel Shane Childers was with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA; age 30; hometown: Harrison, MI. He was killed on Friday, March 21 in a firefight with enemy troops in Iraq. He graduated from the Citadel in Charleston, SC, in

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